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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CENTRALIZED HOUSING AND
CLASSIFICATION QUARTERLY UPDATE**

On January 17, 2006, your Board requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) provide quarterly updates on the new centralized housing and classification system for inmates including implementation and adherence of new protocols and policies, the timeliness and accuracy of reclassifications, and ongoing staff training.

Since the last quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors concerning the central housing and classification of jail inmates dated April 27, 2007, the Department has continued the implementation of a centralized housing policy based upon inmate security levels. All incoming general population inmates are assigned housing locations based upon their initial security levels. Special-needs inmates are segregated based upon their initial security levels as much as possible, with consideration given to the availability of housing for their specific special handling classification as well as their individual needs for specific programming or treatment. After the inmates are assigned to a specific housing location, their security levels may be changed for a variety of reasons including dropped or added charges, clearance of warrants, or having been sentenced. Each day the Central Housing Unit-South audits the Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers Correctional Facility housing areas for inmates whose security levels do not match their housing locations, and arrangements are made to have these inmates moved to appropriate housing locations.

On June 3, 2007, the Central Housing Unit-North reopened and assumed responsibility for the initial housing by security level of inmates at all Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) jail facilities as well as the daily audits of all PDC housing areas for mis-housed inmates.

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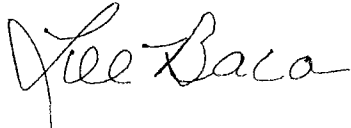
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On July 1, 2007, the PDC North Annex was re-established as a separate command and renamed the Pitchess Detention Center South Facility (PDC-South). A previously-closed compound was reopened, providing 252 additional beds. Twenty-four-hour nursing and pill-call staffing were also instituted, increasing the number of inmates who qualify for housing at PDC-South.

The Inmate Reception Center (IRC) is still under federal court order to process inmates through the reception center and into permanent housing facilities within 24 hours. Through the use of technology and the commitment and hard work of assigned staff, the IRC satisfies this court order. Inmates are scanned and tracked as they move through the various areas of the IRC. The Central Housing Units are a critical component in this success, both in the timely movement of inmates out of the IRC and into permanent housing as well as making the most efficient use of the limited number of jail beds in the system while still maintaining the integrity of security level housing.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Acting Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca".

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